

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1 (currently amended):** Ashtray assembly for automobiles comprising a mount and an insert arranged to be movably guided in a draw-like manner in [[the]] a housing in a first direction, the insert comprising a holder and a removable ashtray in the holder in a second direction substantially transverse to the first direction, whereby a lifting mechanism is provided for moving the ashtray from a usage position into an easy-grip position for removal, which lifting mechanism includes an adjustable actuator element at the holder, and a transmission element operatively cooperating with the actuator element,

wherein the transmission element is in an operating connection with a hinged pivotal lever at the holder so that when shifting the actuator element, the pivotal lever makes an arc shaped motion, during the course of which a rounded upper end area of the pivotal lever comes in contact with a bottom side of the ashtray and thereby moves the ashtray up towards the easy-grip position for removal.

**Claim 2 (original):** Ashtray assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the pivotal lever is hinged at its lower end area with the holder.

**Claim 3 (original):** Ashtray assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the pivotal lever is hinged with the transmission element at a distance from a holder-side mount for the transmission element.

**Claim 4 (original):** Ashtray assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the transmission element is formed as one of a lever, a linkage, and a slider.

**Claim 5 (withdrawn):** Ashtray assembly according to Claim 4, wherein the transmission element is a lever.

**Claim 6 (withdrawn):** Ashtray assembly according to Claim 4, wherein the transmission element is a linkage.

**Claim 7 (original):** Ashtray assembly according to Claim 4, wherein the transmission element is a slider.

**Claim 8 (original):** Ashtray according to Claim 1, wherein the upper end area of the pivotal lever is realized in a cam shape.

**Claim 9 (original):** Ashtray assembly according to Claim 1, wherein, when lifted, the upper end area of the pivotal lever acts together with a bottom side of a laterally placed edge-side flange of the holder.

**Claim 10 (previously presented):** Ashtray assembly for automobiles including a holder and a removable ashtray in the holder, whereby a lifting mechanism is provided for moving the ashtray from a usage position into an easy-grip position for removal, which lifting mechanism includes an adjustable

actuator element at the holder, and a transmission element, which works together with the actuator element,

wherein the transmission element is in an operating connection with a hinged pivotal lever at the holder so that when shifting the actuator element, the pivotal lever makes an arc shaped motion, during the course of which a rounded upper end area of the pivotal lever comes in contact with a bottom side of the ashtray and thereby moves the ashtray up towards the easy-grip position for removal, and

wherein the pivotal lever exhibits a protruding pin locally, which acts together with a arc-shaped slot opening realized at the holder.

**Claim 11 (previously presented):** Receptacle assembly for vehicles, comprising:

a mount and an insert arranged to be guided in a drawer-like manner in the mount in a first direction, the insert comprising:

a holder,

a removable receptacle carried by the holder, and

a lifting mechanism operable to lift the receptacle from a first position to a second easy to grip position accommodating manual gripping and removal in a direction substantially transverse to the first direction of the receptacle from the holder,

wherein said lifting mechanism includes:

a pivotal lifting lever provided with a curved cam surface at an end thereof spaced from a pivot connection of the lifting lever,

a manually operable member carried by the holder and movable between a receptacle in use position and a receptacle lifted position, and

a transmission link connected between the manually operable member and the lifting lever and operable to forceably pivot the lifting lever in response to movement of the manually operable member with the curved cam surface engaging and lifting the receptacle when the manually operable member is moved to the receptacle lifted position.

**Claim 12 (original):** Assembly according to Claim 11, wherein the receptacle is an ashtray.

**Claim 13 (original):** Assembly according to Claim 11, wherein the pivot connection of the lifting lever is at the holder.

**Claim 14 (previously presented):** Receptacle assembly for vehicles, comprising:

a holder,

a removable receptacle carried by the holder, and

a lifting mechanism operable to lift the receptacle from a first position to a second easy to grip position accommodating manual gripping and removal of the receptacle from the holder,

wherein said lifting mechanism includes:

a pivotal lifting lever provided with a curved cam surface at an end thereof spaced from a pivot connection of the lifting lever,

a manually operable member carried by the holder and movable between a receptacle in use position and a receptacle lifted position, and

a transmission link connected between the manually operable member and the lifting lever and operable to forceably pivot the lifting lever in response to movement of the manually operable member with the curved cam surface engaging and lifting the receptacle when the manually operable member is moved to the receptacle lifted position, and

wherein the transmission link is connected to the lifting lever intermediate the curved cam surface and the pivot connection.

**Claim 15 (original):** Assembly according to Claim 14, wherein the transmission link is guided in a slot at the lifting lever.

**Claim 16 (previously presented):** Assembly according to Claim 15, comprising:

an arc shaped slot in said holder, and

a guide pin engaged in the slot and connected to the lifting lever.

**Claim 17 (original):** Assembly according to Claim 16, wherein the receptacle is an ashtray.

**Claim 18 (original):** Assembly according to Claim 17, wherein the manually operable member is disposed at one lateral side of the ashtray for sliding movement in a lateral direction.

**Claim 19 (currently amended):** A receptacle assembly for vehicles, comprising:

a mount and an insert arranged to be guided in a drawer-like manner in the mount in a first direction, the insert comprising:

a holder,

a removable receptacle carried by the holder, and

a lifting mechanism for lifting in a direction substantially transverse to the first direction the receptacle from a first position to a second easy to grip position for accommodating manual gripping and removal of the receptacle from the holder, the lifting mechanism comprising an adjustable actuator element and a transmission element operatively associated with the actuator element and a hinged pivotal lever at the holder arranged such that

when shifting the actuator element, the pivotal lever undergoes an arc-shaped movement and comes into contact with a bottom surface of the removable receptacle.

**Claim 20 (previously presented):** A receptacle assembly according to Claim 19, wherein the receptacle is an ashtray.